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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A stacking device comprising:

top and bottom parallel planar a stacking surfaces without holes having a configuration for supporting at least one supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said top parallel planar stacking surface; and,

said stacking surface and support surface supporting a vertical stacking of articles of manufacture without assistance from other support structures.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar surfaces comprises a polygon.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar surfaces comprises an ellipse.
- 4. (Previously Amended) The stacking device claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar surfaces comprise a machine washable material.
- 5. (Previously Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar surfaces comprise a heat resistant material suitable for use in an oven.

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6. (Previously Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar surfaces haves a configuration for direct communication with a wire mesh shelf.

7. (Currently Amended) A stacking system comprising a plurality of stacking devices, each of said stacking devices comprising top and bottom parallel planar stacking surfaces without holes having a configuration for supporting at least one supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said top parallel planar stacking surface, said stacking surface and support surface supporting a vertical stacking of articles of manufacture without assistance from other support structures, wherein at least two of said stacking devices comprise differing surface areas for supporting articles of manufacture of different shapes and sizes.